

St. Francis Episcopal Church

Lent 2015

Worship and Programs



We seek to be instruments of God's peace, bearing witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ for all people.

Lenten Table/Devotional Resources

Looking for devotional material to assist you in keeping a holy Lent? Stop by the Lenten table in the Narthex for Lenten devotional resources. There you will find various devotionals for adults, youth, and families, including the 2015 Lenten Meditations from Episcopal Relief and Development. You will also find "Lent in a Bag" which is a brown lunch bag with 4 items inside for you to use for devotions as a family or individual. Suggestions on how to use the bag are printed on the back of the attached purple sheet of paper.

Also located on the Altar Frontal (against the wall near the doors to the worship space) you will find copies of *A Walk through Jerusalem* for you to use if you would like to walk the Stations of the Cross found on the walls of the Nave. The Sanctuary will be open for this activity during office hours – Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 4 PM.

Easter Festival Choir

It's almost that time again. FESTIVAL CHOIR for Holy Week.....March 29th (Palm Sunday) through April 5th (Easter). If you would like to join the core choir for this special time, we will begin rehearsing after the 10:00 service on Sunday, February 22nd. All are welcome, but we especially need basses. If you are interested, talk to Mary Been or any choir member. Don't forget.....THOSE WHO SING PRAY TWICE.

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, February 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Jambalaya (with chicken, sausage and shrimp) \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door

*Pancakes and Sausages \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door *gluten free pancakes available

Please sign up in the Narthex.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls this year on February 18th, and the forty-day journey of Lent begins.

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes: 7:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Programming

On Wednesday evenings in Lent join us for a time of food, fellowship, reflection, and worship as we gather for a simple supper, discussion of a spiritual practice from the book – *Practicing Our Faith*, by Dorothy C. Bass, editor, and Eucharist with anointing and prayers for healing. The schedule is as follows:

5:30 PM: Simple Supper

Coordinated by Nancy Rogan, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Narthex

6:00 PM: Book Discussion

February 25 – Chapter 4: Household Economics

March 4 – Chapter 5: Saying Yes and Saying No

March 11 – Chapter 8: Discernment

March 18 – Chapter 10: Forgiveness

March 25 – Chapter 11: Healing

7:00 PM: Eucharist with the Ministry of Healing from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

A sign-up sheet and copies of the book are available on the table in the Narthex or e-books can be downloaded from Amazon for [Kindle](#) or from Barnes and Noble for [Nook](#).

Lenten Bible Study

Thursday morning (10:30am - 12pm) ~ Feb. 26 and March 5, 19 & 26

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians was filled with the apostle's thoughts, hopes, and encouragement for the Christians in this important city of the Roman empire. Paul's letter has much for us to consider as well...and we will spend four Thursdays of Lent in reflection on his teachings. Please join us for all four dates, or just one, as your schedule allows. We will review approximately 4 chapters during each meeting, but will cover topics of discussion as the Holy Spirit moves us! Please sign-up in the narthex.

Palm Saturday Program

Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ~ St. Francis Church and St. Clare House
Children (age 3 through Grade 5) will have a variety of Lent/Easter activities to choose from such as planting, painting, cooking, dyeing eggs, and making "stained glass" windows. Small groups will also take turns in a "prayer walk," which will help them to experience Holy Week in a dramatic way (e.g. walking into Jerusalem with palms, sharing bread and "wine," participating in a Tenebrae service and crawling into the tomb.) Activities could get messy and the "tomb" (St. Clare basement) will be cold so please dress in warm play clothes! Children should bring a lunch. Drinks and cookies will be provided. A sign up sheet will be posted in the narthex. Parents who are interested in helping should contact Sue Bastardo (508) 829-0600.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Liturgy of the Palms/Passion Sunday

5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 28

8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday, March 29

Maundy Thursday ~ April 2

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, Stripping the Altar (Music)

Gethsemane Watch begins immediately following the 7:00 p.m. service.

Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex for keeping vigil through the night.

Good Friday ~ April 3

8:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross (Gethsemane watch concludes)

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service begins at the Gazebo

12:15 p.m. ~ First Congregational Church

1:15 p.m. ~ First Baptist Church

2:15 p.m. ~ St. Francis Episcopal Church

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy (Music)

Saturday ~ April 4

9:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy

9:30 a.m. Vigil Rehearsal for LEM's, Lay Readers, and Acolytes

8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter (Music)

Easter Sunday – April 5

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist with Choir

No Church School - Nursery care available at 10:00 a.m.

From SSJE (Society of St. John)...



Once again, the Brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist are offering a **FREE** Lenten series. It is simply constructed for ease of use. Participants **WATCH** the short daily video, **ANSWER** the daily question and then **SHARE** with others in-person and online.

All supporting materials are available to download for free or can be ordered at www.ssje.org/time.

From Forward Movement...



Which saint will win the Golden Halo? For the sixth year running, people worldwide are gearing up for Lent Madness, the "saintly smackdown" in which thirty-two saints do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo.

More information at www.lentmadness.org/about.